

**Table 11. Underground Natural Gas Storage - Salt Cavern Storage Fields, 1996-1998**  
(Volumes in Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Natural Gas in Salt Cavern Underground Storage at End of Period			Change in Working Gas from Same Period Previous Year		Storage Activity		
	Base Gas	Working Gas	Total	Volume	Percent	Injections	Withdrawals	Net Withdrawals
<b>1996</b>								
January .....	63	59	122	-14	-19.3	23	41	17
February .....	63	48	111	-17	-26.2	23	33	10
March .....	63	38	101	-21	-35.2	21	32	11
April .....	63	57	120	-9	-13.7	30	10	-20
May .....	63	62	126	-11	-15.1	19	13	-6
June .....	63	71	135	-7	-8.9	21	12	-9
July .....	60	71	131	-5	-6.7	20	14	-6
August .....	60	76	136	13	20.5	21	16	-5
September .....	60	85	145	4	5.0	23	13	-9
October .....	60	88	148	0	0.4	17	14	-3
November .....	64	87	151	3	4.0	16	20	5
December .....	64	85	149	14	18.8	25	28	2
<b>Total .....</b>	—	—	—	—	—	258	246	-13
<b>1997</b>								
January .....	65	57	122	-2	-3.1	21	50	30
February .....	59	49	109	2	4.0	15	23	8
March .....	65	56	121	18	47.3	22	16	-6
April .....	65	58	123	1	1.8	21	19	-3
May .....	65	73	138	11	17.3	27	13	-14
June .....	66	80	145	8	11.7	22	15	-7
July .....	65	66	131	-5	-7.5	15	29	14
August .....	65	67	132	-9	-12.4	23	22	-1
September .....	65	78	143	-7	-8.7	26	14	-12
October .....	66	93	159	5	5.6	30	14	-16
November .....	67	95	162	8	9.1	25	23	-2
December .....	67	82	150	-3	-3.1	18	31	12
<b>Total .....</b>	—	—	—	—	—	266	270	4
<b>1998</b>								
January .....	66	70	136	13	22.4	17	31	14
February .....	65	67	132	18	35.9	17	21	3
March .....	68	64	132	8	14.4	23	28	6
April .....	68	80	148	22	37.9	29	11	-17
May .....	68	83	150	9	12.9	26	22	-3
June .....	66	83	149	3	4.0	21	23	2
July .....	66	91	157	26	39.2	26	18	-8
August .....	65	93	158	26	39.5	24	21	-2

— = Not Applicable.

Notes: Data for 1995 and 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. See Explanatory Note 7 of the *Natural Gas Monthly* for discussion of the reporting of underground storage information. Gas in storage at the end of a reporting period may not equal the quantity derived by adding or subtracting net injections or withdrawals during the period to the quantity of gas in storage at the beginning of the period. This is due to changes in the quantities of native gas included in base gas and/or losses in base gas due to migration from storage reservoirs. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Positive net withdrawals indicate the volume of withdrawals in excess of injections. Negative net withdrawals indicate the volume of injections in excess of withdrawals.

Sources: Form EIA-191, "Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report," and Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."